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SUBJECT: EXTENSION FOR BM1/C (TATE) AUSTIN H. DECATOR 360-315,

USCG OPERATION BUCCANEER

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1. UPON ARRIVAL IN KINGSTON ON JULY 7, 1974, BM1/C DECATOR WAS IMMEDIATELY ENGAGED IN READYING TWO 31 FOOT BERTRAMS FOR SEA. ON JULY 11, 1974, HE MADE A NIGHT RUN FROM KINGSTON ON THE SOUTH COAST TO DISCOVERY BAY ON THE NORTH COAST OF JAMAICA. ON JULY 15, 1974, HE COMMENCED A TWO-WEEK TRAINING SCHOOL WHICH CONSISTED OF 6 DAYS OF CLASSROOM WORK TEACHING 17 MARINE POLICE OFFICERS OF THE JCF THE RUDIMENTS OF SEAMANSIP AND NAVIGATION. COMMENCING MONDAY, JULY 22, 1974, THEY WERE ENGAGED IN A WEEK'S OJT WITH THE MARINE POLICE BOATS PUTTING INTO PRACTICE THE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION. THE STUDENTS HAVE APPEARED TO BE VERY RECEPTIVE TO THE OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTION BEING GIVEN BY HIM. NEVERTHELESS, CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT DURING THE OJT, THEY ALSO HAVE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, IT IS FELT THAT AT LEAST ONE MORE WEEK OF OJT WITH THE BOAT CREWS IS REQUIRED TO DEVELOP REQUIRED SELF-CONFIDENCE AND SKILL FOR THE MARINE POLICE CREWS TO BE ADEQUATELY RESPONSIVE TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

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2. BM1/C AUSTIN IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO LEAVE HERE ON

JULY 28, 1974. DURING THE PERIOD THAT "TATE" HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BUCCANEER TEAM, HE HAS BEEN A COMPLETE ASSET. HE HAS LENT AN EXTRAORDINARY RESERVOIR OF EXPERTISE AND DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE TO THE EFFORT AND HAS DISPLAYED AN ADMIRABLE VITALITY, INITIATIVE, AND A CAN-DO ATTITUDE. HE HAS GAINED THE COMPLETE RESPECT OF HIS JAMAICAN COUNTERPARTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP HIM FOR THE DURATION, HOWEVER, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT OTHER OBLIGATIONS PRECLUDE THIS.

3. IF THE CG COULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO LEND US HIS SERVICES FOR ONE ADDITIONAL WEEK, IT IS FELT THAT THE BENEFITS TO THE MARINE POLICE AND THE SUCCESS OF OPERATION BUCCANEER WOULD BE VERY SIGNIFICANT. (WS). GERARD

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